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## Up-date regarding the sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Parents,

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Annaclone on **Thursday 13th of May at 6pm.**

Each child being confirmed needs to fill in their details on a Confirmation Card either using the google form (in Miss McKay's Google Classroom) or by calling (ahead) into the school and collecting a hard copy. Please can all returns be completed before **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of April.** This is a pre-requisite for Confirmation asked of all families by the Diocese of Dromore.

Archbishop Eamon Martin and the other Catholic Bishops have produced a series of classes, videos and resources in order to help your child prepare (see link below) for the sacrament before their special day in May. Miss McKay is covering the key themes associated with ***The Gifts and Fruits of The Holy Spirit*** with the children in class, but you may wish to watch these at home with your child to supplement their learning.

<https://www.icatholic.ie/come-holy-spirit-episode-1/>

Social distancing will take place in accordance with the current guidelines. Places of worship remain open with a mandatory requirement to wear face coverings for adults. We ask that each child is accompanied by **NO MORE than three other persons**, one of whom must act as the child's sponsor. This means that each family will be allocated one row in the church. We would ask that everyone is seated in the chapel no later than **5.45pm.**

The side door and the main door will both be open on the day. Your point of entry will be determined by your seating position and will be given to your child at practice in the days leading up to the Sacrament. On the day of the Sacrament you will then be directed to your seats and your row will be clearly



identified with your child's confirmation certificate attached to the end of the pew. There will also be three confirmation booklets placed in each family row.

Father Andrew will give clear guidance during the service as to what the children and their sponsors should do. There is no need for anyone to be anxious about what to do or when to do it.

When the service is over, families are asked to leave the church row by row, using the same door of entry. Photographs may be taken outside the church and then families are free to go off and celebrate.

**Children will finish school early on Thursday 13th of May at 12.00pm.**

The school photographer Michael D'Cruize will be available in the Parish Rooms both before and after the service for family bookings. He asks that you contact him on 07881885112 or email (see pricing flyer) to reserve a time slot.

If you need to contact me for any reason – please do not hesitate to call or email the school.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.  
Best wishes,

Miss McKay, Mrs Loy and Mr O'Neill

